

Ordinance No. _____

ORDINANCE:

To adopt an amendment to the adopted Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Rockville, Maryland to adopt by reference the entire Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (formerly Article 66B; hereinafter referred to as the “Land Use Article”), the Mayor and Council of Rockville did, by Ordinance No. 24-02, adopt the Comprehensive Master Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Master Plan”) for the City of Rockville (hereinafter referred to as the “City”), and

WHEREAS, the City’s Planning Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”) under the provisions of the Land Use Article may recommend adoption of any amendment or extension of or addition to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council did instruct the Commission to prepare, approve and recommend to the Mayor and Council an amendment (hereinafter referred to as the “Amendment”) to the Master Plan to enable the City to request that the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority amend the boundaries of the Montgomery County Heritage Area to include the identified areas within City; and

WHEREAS, said Amendment consists of language to adopt the Montgomery County Heritage Area Management Plan in full by reference; and

WHEREAS, adoption of said Amendment is a requirement in order to amend the existing boundaries of the certified Montgomery County Heritage Area; and

WHEREAS, the City staff prepared the Amendment, so as to be consistent with the visions of the Land Use Article; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2012, the Commission conducted a public hearing as required by the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2012, the Planning Commission adopted a resolution approving the Amendment; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Land Use Article, the Mayor and Council is required to adopt amendments to the Master Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the planning policies recommended in said Amendment to the Master Plan have been closely coordinated with and represent an extension of planning policy contained in the Master Plan for the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND as follows, that said Amendment to the Master Plan be, and the same is hereby adopted as an amendment to the Master Plan for the City of Rockville, said Amendment consisting of the document entitled “Montgomery County Heritage Area Amendment to 2002 City of Rockville Comprehensive Master Plan,” dated January 28, 2013.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of _____.

Douglass Barber, CMC, City Clerk